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Dear Weisberg:

You have built up my suspense about your new disclosures to a high pitch. I scan anxiously the obit page, mysterious disease section.

I am too far out of US things to recommend a dependable editor, but have total confidence (which I'd like to impart to you) in Jim Aronson from a 20-year association, and know that any advice he would give you would be good. ^{and that his discretion is 100%} You don't indicate if you want any help from me personally; if you do I am at your service, except that I expect to leave for this journalists' congress in about 2½ weeks, and be away up to 6 weeks.

I can assure you that Jim's leaning-over-backwards to be positive about Lane's book is due to his repugnance for entering into public squabbles with anyone whose work is on balance positive. He is far more concerned about the cause than about the failings of individuals. Actually Lane has acted in a disgraceful way with regard to the Guardian.

I read the thing by Popkin in NY Review of Books, and was aghast. The simple fact is that in the guise of a review of your book (and Epstein's) he pilfered the whole thing from you - not a word that isn't in your book. I have seldom seen such a flagrant case of larceny.

Sincerely yours,

